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February 2, 2005

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 5619

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in response to your advice that a complaint had been made under the above-referenced number. Executed designation of counsel forms for both respondents are enclosed.

The allegations made by the complainant Mr. Thompson (who is a defeated office-seeker) are either meritless or inadvertent, *de minimis* infractions. Mr. Thompson's allegations regarding "a Kerry/Edwards logo on a large billboard style sign" is simply factually inaccurate. The Kerry/Edwards sign was simply a lawn sign that was placed in proximity to the larger local candidate sign. This is no violation of any sort.

Mr. Thompson's remaining allegations concern violations that must be regarded as *de minimis* at most. As Thompson himself notes the complained-of mailer stated it was from "Your Local Democratic Candidates." Further, the obvious intent of its content was to reinforce the identification of the local candidates with the overall Democratic Party. If this indeed amounted to any type of technical violation, it was both minor and inadvertent.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Michael P. Barnes

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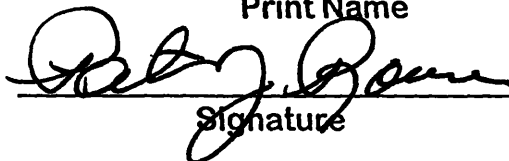
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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

PATRICK J. ROUSE

Print Name

1/20/05
Date


Signature

Title

RESPONDENT'S NAME: _____

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Date

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Signature

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RESPONDENT'S NAME: _____

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